

**Minutes of the Biddenham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at The Pavilion, Deep Spinney, Biddenham starting at 7.30pm.**

**Present: Cllrs P Chase – Chairman, G Bates, S Briggs, H Fowler, A Jacobs, F Slade, and Mrs Lyn Lyman (Clerk). In addition there were 5 members of the public.**

**49. Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from: Cllrs C Gee, K Osuch & J Warren, BB Cllrs J Gambold & R Rigby.

**50. Declaration of Interest regarding items on the Agenda:**

No declarations made.

**51. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were unanimously accepted and duly signed.

**52. Public Open Session:**

1. The Pond: The resident had written letters to planners re the proposed housing affecting the water table. He was concerned about the Local Plan consultations as the pond could be effected. Cllr Chase thought there should soon be an agenda circulated (policy 19 is the one which could have the most effect) regarding the hearing. Cllr Chase will look into this and advise whether it will be worth attending.

*Attention: PC*

Section 106 hasn't yet been signed for the 160 houses having been accepted. This is holding up the 249 houses application which hasn't been agreed yet.

The resident said that the pond has had drainage rods regarding connection to the hospital as the car park floods. The gate on the footpath has been fixed.

2. Planning application for Gold Lane is very worrying, is there anything we can do further?

**51. To consider planning:**

The updated list had been circulated.

19/02064/Ful 3 Windmill Hill – no comment.

19/01350/MAF 21 Church End application for 15 dwellings has been withdrawn.

19/01564/Ful Vicars Close application is still under consideration and has been called in.

19/1696/Ful Land to the rear of the Old Vicarage, Main Road: Concerns were expressed regarding access.

**52. To Agree Financial Matters:**

i) To approve accounts for payment: The statement of expenses which had been circulated was accepted.

ii) To note spend against budget for the Parish Council and the Pavilion. The statement which had been circulated was accepted.

It was noted that the Cricket Club needs to be invoiced for this years fees which Cllr Chase will undertake. **Action: PC.**

The hand driers have been installed in the pavilion and are working well. .

It was duly noted that the CIL money needs to be spent within 5 years.

The pond committee are embarking on some expenditure and may approach the PC for some funding.

**53. Reports:**

**Clerks Report:** was circulated previously.

Regarding the subsidence hedge damage in Franklyn Gardens, Oriel has advised that the it has been agreed that one area needs to be cleared as it is the roots which are causing the damage. Cllr Fowler and the Clerk are organising a site meeting with the contractor to agree the work to be carried out. **Action: GF & LL**

Poppy wreath – it was agreed that Cllrs Bates & Chase would lay the PC and the Bedford Borough wreaths. **Action: GB & PC**

**Borough Cllrs Reports:**

**B Cllr Rigby:** Just to update you on the condition of the old pumping station. This had been reported by Bromham Parish Council but when I investigated the outcome with planning enforcement they could not find their own reference number on the system so it was lost. I re- reported it and I was told they had looked at it and another officer was looking to see if dealing with it fell within their remit.

I then reported it to Paul Pace Head of Environment, his team will look at it as will and liaise with Planning Enforcement to see somebody takes action against the owners.

**B Cllr Gambold:** No report available.

**54. Speedwatch and Speed Indicator Device updates:**

**Speed Indicator Device:** The order for the SID has been placed and delivery is due next week. A hedge north of Hamden Court has been cut back for a clear view so the unit could be fixed to the lamppost. Reports will be generated automatically.

**Speedwatch:**

To date two Cllrs have been trained to carry out Speedwatch and two more residents are booked for training on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Each Speedwatch session requires 3 trained people.

Biddenham Turn between the 2 schools: Cllr Chase proposed we authorise Cllr Osuch decide on behalf of the PC where to carry out speed checks.

**55. Matters in Progress:**

Gold Lane issues are ongoing.

Coffin Path is being followed up by Cllr Chase.

Biddenham Turn traffic lights: Andy Prigmore has agreed to fix them.

**56. Parish Concerns:**

Vicars Close: is the house likely to be taken down? The application has been called in by B Cllr Gambold.

It had been discussed and agreed that an application to make the Three Tuns Public House an asset of community value should be made. Subsequently it was agreed to delay this until further notice.

**57. Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.